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OF

GREAT BRITAIN,

In hope of obtaining, from their ANSWERS, a better Knowledge of its ANTIQUITIES and NATURAL HISTORY.

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WHAT is the Ancient and Modern Name of the Pariſh, and its Etymology? I.

By what Pariſhes is it bounded, E. W. N. and South, and what is its Length and Breadth? II.

What Number of Hamlets or Villages are in it, their Names and Situation? III.

What are the Number of its Houſes and Inhabitants? IV.

V. What Number of People have been married, chriſtened and buried, for the Space of 20 Years laſt paſt, compared with the firſt 20 Years of the Regiſter? When did the Regiſter begin? If there are any curious Remarks made therein, pleaſe to give an Account thereof.

VI. In what Manor, Dioceſe, Deanry, and Hundred, does the Church ſtand?

VII. Is it dedicated to any Saint, and when and by whom was it built?

VIII. Of what Materials is it built, has it a Tower and Spire?

IX. What are its Dimenſions, Number of Iſles, Chancels, Chapels, and Bells?

X. What may the Living be computed to be worth?

XI. Is it a Rectory or Vicarage, and who are the preſent and paſt Incumbents as far back as you can trace?

XII. Who is the preſent or former Patron?

XIII. Are there any and what Lands belonging to the Glebe or Vicarage?

XIV. If a Vicarage who is poſſeſſed of the Great Tythes, what may their reputed Value be, and is any Modus paid thereout, and to whom?

XV. Are there any and what Manors in the Pariſh, to whom do they belong?

XVI. Are there any Vaults or Burial Places peculiar to any Ancient or other Families?

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What are they, and to whom do they belong?

Are there any Ancient or Modern remarkable Monuments or Grave Stones in the Church or Chancel? &c. Pleaſe to give the Inſcriptions and Arms, if any, on the ſame, if worthy Notice, eſpecially if before the 16th Century. XVII.

Are there any remarkable ones in the Church Yard? Pleaſe to give an Account what they are. Are there any Paintings in the Windows either of Figures or Arms? Add a Copy or Deſcription. XVIII.

Are there any Tables of Benefactions or other Inſcriptions which are worthy Notice, on any of the Walls of the Church, either within or without? Pleaſe to inſert them at full Length. XIX.

Are there any particular Cuſtoms or Privileges or remarkable Tenures in any of the Manors in the Pariſh? XX.

What Number of Gentlemens Houſes, Farms, and Cottages, may be in the Pariſh? XXI.

What Ancient Manor or Manſion Houſe, Seats or Villas, are in the Pariſh? XXII.

Is there any Chapel of Eaſe in the Pariſh, how is it ſupported, and who is the preſent and late Incumbent, and of what Value may the Cure be ſuppoſed to be? XXIII.

Are there any annual or other Proceſſions, Perambulations, or any Hoſpital, XXIV.

Alms or School Houſe; by whom and when founded, and who has the Right of putting People into them?

XXV. Have you any Wake, Whitſon Ale, or other Cuſtoms of that Sort uſed in the Pariſh?

XXVI. Is there any great Road leading thro' the Pariſh, and from what noted Places?

XXVII. What Commons or Quantity of waſte Land may be in the Pariſh?

XXVIII. What are the preſent or ancient Prices of Proviſions, Beef, Veal, Mutton, Lamb, Pork, Pigs, Geeſe, Ducks, Chicken, Rabbits, Butter, Cheeſe? &c.

XXIX. What is generally a Day's Wages for Labourers in Huſbandry and other Work, and what *per* Day for Carpenters, Bricklayers, Maſons, Taylors? &c.

XXX. What is uſually the Fuel? Is it Coal, Wood, Heath, Furz, Turf, Peat, or what; and the Prizes paid on the Spot?

XXXI. What Diſtance is it from *London* and the chief Towns round, and what is the Price of Carriage *per* Hundred Weight?

XXXII. Are there any Croſſes or Obeliſks or any Things of that Nature erected in the Pariſh?

XXXIII. Are there any Remains or Ruins of Monaſteries or Religious Houſes? Give the beſt Account thereof you can.

XXXIV. Are there any Roman, Saxon, or Daniſh Caſtles, Camps, Altars, Roads, Forts, or

or other Pieces of Antiquity remaining in your Pariſh; what are they, and what Traditions are there, or Hiſtorical Accounts of them?

Have there been any Medals, Coins, or other Pieces of Antiquity dug up in your Pariſh; when and by whom, and in whoſe Cuſtody are they? XXXV.

Have there been any remarkable Battles fought, on what Spot, by whom, when, and what Traditions are there relating thereto? XXXVI.

Has the Pariſh given either Birth or Burial to any Man, eminent for Learning or other remarkable or valuable Qualifications? XXXVII.

Are there in any of the Gentlemens Seats in the Pariſh, any remarkable Hiſtorical Pictures, or Portraits of eminent Perſons, any curious Statues, Buſts, &c. or other things worthy Notice? XXXVIII.

Are there any Parks or Warrens, the Number of Deer, and Extent of the Park, &c. any Heroneries, Decoys, or Fiſheries? XXXIX.

Do any Rivers riſe in or run thro' the Pariſh, which are they; if navigable, what Sort of Boats are uſed on them, and what is the Price of Carriage *per* Hundred or Ton, to your Pariſh? XL.

Are there any, and what Bridges, how are they ſupported, by private or publick XLI.

Coſt, of what Materials, what Number of Piers or Arches, the Length and Breadth of the Bridge and Width of the Arches?

XLII. Are there any Barrows or Tumuli, and have any been opened, and what has been found therein?

XLIII. Are there any Manufactures carried on in the Pariſh, and what Number of Hands are employed?

XLIV. What Markets or Fairs are kept in the Pariſh, what Commodities are chiefly brought for Sale; if any of the Manufactures or Produce of the Country, Live Cattle, or other Things, what Toll is paid and to whom, and where are they kept?

XLV. Is there any Statute Fair for hiring of Servants, and how long has it been eſtabliſhed; what are the uſual Wages for Men and Maids, &c. for each Branch of Huſbandry?

XLVI. Are there in any of the Gentlemens Houſes, or on their Eſtates, any Pictures which give Inſight into any hiſtorical Facts, or any Portraits of Men eminent for any Art, Science, or Literature; any Statues, Buſto's, or other Memorial which will give any Light to paſt Tranſactions?

QUERIES *relating to the* NATURAL HISTORY *of the* PARISH.

WHAT is the Appearance of the Country in the Pariſh; is it Flat or Hilly, Rocky or Mountainous? I.

Do the Lands conſiſt of Woods, Arable, Paſture, Meadow, Heath, or what? II.

Are they Fenny or Mooriſh, Boggy or Firm? III.

Is there Sand, Clay, Chalk, Stone, Gravel, Loam, or what is the Nature of the Soil? IV.

Are there any Lakes, Meers or Waters, what are they, their Depth, where do they riſe, and whither do they run? V.

Are there any Subterraneous Rivers, which appear in one Place, then ſink into the Earth, and riſe again? VI.

Are there any Mineral Springs, frequented for the drinking the Waters; what are they; at what Seaſons of the Year reckoned beſt, and what Diſtempers are they frequented for? VII.

Are there any periodical Springs, which riſe and fall, ebb and flow, at what Seaſons, give the beſt Account you can? VIII.

Are there any Mills on the Rivers, to what Uſes are they employed? IX.

Are there any and what Mines; what are they; to whom do they belong; what do they produce? X.

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XI. Have you any Marble, Moorſtone, or other Stone of any Sort, how is it got out, and how worked?

XII. What Sorts of Manure or Amendment do they chiefly uſe for their Land, and what is the Price of it on the Spot?

XIII. What are the chief Produce of the Lands, Wheat, Rye, Oats, Barley, Peas, Beans, or what?

XIV. Are there any Hop or Cherry Gardens, and what is the Price on the Spot?

XV. What Sorts of Fiſh do the Rivers produce, what Quantities, and what Prices on the Spot, and in what Seaſons are they beſt?

XVI. Are there any remarkable Caves, or Grottoes, Natural or Artificial? give the beſt Deſcription and Account thereof you can.

XVII. Are there any and what Quantities of Saffron, Woad, Teazels, or other Vegetables of that Sort, growing in the Pariſh, and the Prizes they ſell for on the Spot?

XVIII. Is the Pariſh remarkable for breeding any Cattle of remarkable Qualities, Size, or Value, and what?

XIX. Are there any Apple Orchards in the Pariſh, do they make any Cyder, of what Sort is it, and if ſold, what may it be worth a Hogſhead on the Spot?

XX. Are there any Chalk Pits, Sand or Gravel Pits, or other Openings in the Pariſh, and what?

On digging Wells or other Openings, what Strata's of Soil do they meet with, and how thick is each? XXI.

How low do the Springs lye, and what Sort of Water do you meet with in the ſeveral Parts of the Pariſh? XXII.

Is there any Marl, Fullers Earth, Potters Earth, or Loam, or any other remarkable Soils, as Ochre, &c. XXIII.

Are there any Bitumen, Naptha, or other Subſtances of that Nature found in the Earth? XXIV.

What is the general Price paid for Lands, Arable, Meadow, Paſture, &c? XXV.

Does the Pariſh produce any Quantities of Timber, of what Sort, and what are the Prizes on the Spot, *per* Load or Ton? XXVI.

What are the Methods of Tillage, what Sorts of Ploughs, &c. are uſed? XXVII.

Are any Quanties of Sheep raiſed or fed in the Pariſh, and on what do they chiefly feed? XXVIII.

Are the People of the Country remarkable for Strength, Size, Complexion, or any bodily or natural Qualities? XXIX.

What are the Diverſions chiefly uſed by the Gentry, as well as the Country People on particular Occaſions? XXX.

What is the Nature of the Air; is it moiſt or dry, healthy or ſubject to Agues and Fevers, and at what Time of the Year XXXI.

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is it reckoned moſt ſo? and, if you can, account for the Cauſes.

XXXII. Are there any petrifying Springs or Waters that incruſt Bodies, what are they?

XXXIII. Any hot Waters or Wells for Bathing, and for what Diſtempers frequented?

XXXIV. Are there any figured Stones, ſuch as Echinitæ, Belemnitæ, &c. Any having the Impreſſion of Plants or Fiſhes on them, or any foſſil marine Bodies, ſuch as Shells, Corals, &c. or any petrified Parts of Animals: where are they found, and what are they?

XXXV. Is any Part of the Pariſh ſubject to Inundations or Land Floods, give the beſt Account, if any Things of that Nature have happened, and when?

XXXVI. Hath there been any remarkable Miſchief done by Thunder and Lightning, Storms or Whirlwinds, when and what?

XXXVII. Are there any remarkable Echoes, where and what are they?

XXXVIII. Have any remarkable Phænomena been obſerved in the Air, and what?

If the Pariſh is on the SEA COAST,

XXXIX. What Sort of a Shore, Flat, Sandy, High or Rocky?

XL. What Sorts of Fiſh are caught there, in what Quantity, at what Prices ſold, when moſt

moſt in Seaſon, how taken, and to what Market ſent?

What other Sea Animals, Plants, Sponges, Corals, Shells, &c. are found on or near the Coaſts? XLI.

Are there any remarkable Sea Weeds uſed for Manure of Land, or curious on any other Account? XLII.

What are the Courſes of the Tides on the Shore, or off at Sea, the Currents at a Mile's Diſtance, and other Things worthy Remark? XLIII.

What Number of Fiſhing Veſſels, of what Sort, how navigated, and what Number of Hands are there in the Pariſh? XLIV.

How many Ships and of what Burthen belong to the Pariſh? XLV.

Are there any and what Light-houſes, Beacons, or Land-marks? XLVI.

What are the Names of the Creeks, Bays, Harbours, Headlands, Sands, or Iſlands near the Coaſts? XLVII.

Have there been any remarkable Battles or Sea Fights near the Coaſts, and when did any remarkable Wrecks or Accidents happen, which can give Light to any hiſtorical Facts? XLVIII.

If you are in a City, give the beſt Account you can procure of the Hiſtory and Antiquity of the Place; if remarkable for its Buildings, Age, Walls, Sieges, Charters, XLIX.

ters, Privileges, Immunities, Gates, Streets, Markets, Fairs, the Number of Churches, Wards and Guilds, or Companies, or Fraternities, or Clubs that are remarkble; how is it governed? if it ſends Members to Parliament, in whom does the Choice lye, and what Number of Voters may there have been at the laſt Poll?

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AS Gentlemen will be able to anſwer moſt of theſe Queries, concerning the Places where themſelves dwell, without any great Trouble, it is hoped many will have ſo much Regard for the Honour of their Country, as to tranſmit the beſt Information they can, directed to the Secretary of the SOCIETY of ANTIQUARIES of London, at their Houſe in Chancery Lane, for the Uſe of the SOCIETY.

N. B. Be pleaſed to mark the Anſwer to each Query with the Number of the Query it is an Anſwer to: and if there is Nothing of what the Query mentions, only after the Number write the Word, No, or None.